

Area Senior Citizens air problem

By Joyce Hensley
Senior Citizens gathered at Stokes Landing Senior Center to air grievances, share problems, and to offer suggestions recently, which will be carried to the Governor's Conference on Aging March 7, 8 and 9.

Gilliam, Grant, Morrow, Umatilla and Wheeler counties, urged the audience to share "problems you know you will be facing and suggestions on how to make your life easier."
The community forum resulted in senior citizens identifying problems in medicare, property taxes, and social security. A need for services for the blind and handicapped, rent

stabilization, respite care, and transportation was brought out.

"What do we do to see that they (the government) keep their hands off of our social security?" asked one participant.

Complaints about the high cost of nursing care facilities, requests for more skilled care facilities and more foster care homes were heard.

It was suggested by Jean Dillon, Irrigon, that there be placed a freeze on seniors property taxes, "so they won't be forced out of their homes," as taxes rise.

Morrow County Judge, Louis Carlson, agreed there was an inequity in the tax system and urged senior citizens to appeal if they have a complaint. "We do have an advocate in Morrow County who will help you."

By the time the governor's conference rolls around in March at the Hilton Hotel in Eugene, there will have been meetings, guided by Reynolds in Mitchell, Milton-Freewater, John Day, Heppner, Pendleton, Irrigon, Hermiston and Condon.

Governor Goldschmidt has asked Reynolds and his staff to choose several senior citizens to carry the concerns brought out at the eight forums, to the conference.

The governor hopes to "chart a course for dealing with problems and challenges posed by the aging and handicapped of Oregon."

Riverside recognizes honor students

Riverside High School reports the following students on the first quarter honor roll.

A Honor Roll-Freshmen: Charlene Finley, 4.0; Amy Gantenbein, Christi Irwin, Cecelia Rodriguez, Trina Sayles, Ty Lappen, and Angela Smythe.

B Honor Roll-Peter Ceton, Sherry Dutsman, Kevin Guthrie, Tim Hill, Jon Horn, Marilee Huffman, Jason Nielsen and Areli Perez.

Sophomore A Honor Roll- Matt Andreason, Wendy Dawson, Tina Douglas, Lea Edwards, Kirstin Jensen, Ryon Johnson, Sherri Lake 4.0, Mary Stevens, Mike Tallman, Kassie Westmoreland, Mindy Nix, and Lenn Greer.

B honor roll includes Kristin Bates, Joey Edwards, Shanna Evans, Estella Garcia, Joy Hellberg, Rusty Jensen, Jennifer LePlatt, Eric Marchek, Pat McDonough, Terri McKenney, and Lisa short.

Junior A honor roll: Gale Bailey,

Glenn Carpenter, Debi Driver, Holly Miller, Jackie Paul, Jennifer Richardson, 4.0; Melissa Richmond, and Harold Glenn.

B honor includes: Robert Bates, Carmen Britt, Sherry Chavez, Marina Colmenero, Vince Daltoso, Tina Duncan, Lisa Erickson, Mikel Flanagan, Clay Haynes, Hank Johnson, Morgan Kerman, Steve McCabe, Stacey McCorkle, Kristi Medley, Melissa Meinke, Tina Palmer, Alicia Pearsall, Danny Peck, Lara Peterson, Gina Smith, Michele Thomas, Shawn Olson, Kathy Shepherd and Mike Sturdy.

Senior A honor roll: Colleen Hensley, Lisa Jurney, Jeff Marchek 4.0; Jay Marlow, Terri Meyers, 4.0; Jason Michael, Vicki Preston, Sheila Town, and Carmela Garcia.

B honor roll: Jody Coen, Bonnie Guthrie, Steve Hulen, Lisa Mark, Terri Moore, Laura Erickson, Jesus Garcia, Nancy Gordanier, Laurie Howland, and Jacob Fridberg.

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Irrigon speedsters beware of new speed limit

By Joyce Hensley
Speeders beware of the new 35 mph speed limit designated for the City of Irrigon by the Oregon State Speed Control Board secretary.

Because of the amount of children crossing highway 730, the Morrow County School District Advisory Board made a request to the Irrigon City Council for the speed limit to be lowered.

The Council requested an investigation of the traffic of the state highway going through Irrigon by the Oregon State Speed Control Board, according to Mayor Don Eppenbach.

The secretary approved the 35 mph speed zone after the investigation.

Police Chief Steve Mackey said the city will be patrolled heavily. "We have a vast number of kids crossing the highway," he said. "There is also a lot of foot traffic across the highway in the summers, because of the fruit stands."



Irrigon man works at putting new speed limit sign up to slow down traffic going through town.

Irrigon kids like school so well they spent the night



Photo by Joyce Hensley

Silvia Juarev, 12, Kami Sandlin, 9, Michelle Gribble, 10, Lori Bulow, 9 and Wendy Oren, 9, smile big at winning the reward of spending the night at school.

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A.C. Houghton Elementary students in Irrigon enjoy school so much that they read and so they could have the reward of spending Friday night there.

Fourth, fifth and sixth grader's who had read 250 to 350 pages of books, depending on their age, which they had not previously read, and had maintained good behavior from October 29 to November 18,

Daltoso wins first place

Vince Daltoso, son of Dan and Marylou Daltoso of Boardman, won the local VFW "Violence of Democracy" contest. Vince is a junior at Riverside High School. In his speech, "America's Heritage: Our Liberty," he stressed that American's diversity adds to our value of liberty. He received a \$50 savings bond and the right to com-

pete at district in Pendleton, November 29. Second place went to Holly Miller, also a junior, daughter of Bob and Judy Miller of Irrigon; third place went to Colleen Hensley, senior, daughter of Al and Joyce Hensley of Irrigon. The Hermiston chapter of the VFW sponsored the contest.

were treated to B.E.A.R. Night (Be Enthusiastic About Reading).

The students were entertained royally by teachers with songs and skits worthy of any Broadway production.

Running in the halls is forbidden, right? Wrong, not on BEAR Night. Running and yelling in the halls was one of the highlights of the evening, closely supervised, of course.

Games, a movie, dinner, and spending the night in the gym in sleeping bags were all part of the rewards for the reading program.

The aim for BEAR Night, according to principal Mick Tolar was "to motivate the students to read for a specific purpose so that later, our hope is, they will continue the enjoyment of reading."

The kids woke up Saturday morning to a Balloon Blast-off. Parents had blown up balloons and inserted each participating student's name into them, with instructions for the

names to be returned if they were found. The students released the balloons before breakfast.

"Balloons have been returned from as far away as Hell's Canyon, Walla Walla and Dayton in past years," said Tolar.

Any student with perfect behavior during BEAR Night could draw for prizes, such as bicycles, BEAR-shirts, pound puppies, basket balls and many others, donated by the PTA and others of the community.

Gift certificates were also donated for the drawing by McDonald's and Skippers.

The students behavior has always been good," said Tolar.

First, second, and third graders that were eligible, had the privilege of staying after school Friday and having a movie, a puppet play, prizes and dinner before being picked up by their parents.

207 students participated out of the 338 enrolled in the school.

High school seniors need to prepare for college now

By Joyce Hensley

College bound high school seniors should start making decisions and preparations now on how they are going to go about furthering their education, Mike Wetherell, Riverside High School Counselor, told parents and students at a recent meeting at the school.

The first thing a student needs to do is "choose what you are going to major in," said guest speaker, Pat Laughary, Dean of Students and College Services at Blue Mountain Community College.

A student needs to explore the different colleges and universities to find which school offers the major they are interested in. "Not every school teaches every subject," said Laughary. "Visit to get first hand experience."

Research educational interest, attend presentations by college representatives, and schedule appointments with your counselor, was some of the advice given by

Wetherell during the get-together.

The financial challenge is the next big step. Have you laid away savings toward your education; or are you going to apply for a student loan, scholarships, grants, or a college work-study program?

Before you apply, you'll need to calculate the approximate cost of attending college; such as clothes, transportation, books, food, tuition, and other living expenses, then, if you are going to need financial aid of any type, you must fill out a Financial Aid Form.

This step was emphasized several times during the course of the evening.

Watch for the availability of scholarships in the local newspapers and write to the schools you are considering for any scholarships which they may offer. "Distribution of scholarships is based ninety percent on need," said Wetherell. There is a minimum requirement of a 3.5 grade point average, and a relatively high score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is also important to qualify.

Motorcycle rider invades Irrigon Market

By Joyce Hensley

A motorcycle carrying an Irrigon woman, shattering glass as it went, invaded Rod's Market in Irrigon, Sunday.

Said store manager Karl Hegre, who was checking groceries at the time, "she and her cycle came right through the front door."

Hellen R. Taft, 41, after doing some grocery shopping in the market, climbed on her 1981 Honda Trail 110 motorcycle, started the motor, started to turn it around and slipped on a puddle of grease. In the

process of trying to regain her balance, she gripped the handlebars, accidentally accelerating the bike and smashed through the glass doors.

Taft, of 202 fourth street, Irrigon was cited for not having a motorcycle endorsement, according to investigating officer, Rob Elkin.

No one was injured.

The monthly game night at Stokes Landing Senior Center will be Friday, November 27, at 7 p.m. Bring your friends for an enjoyable evening of cards and games. There will be refreshments and prizes. Anyone is welcome; the fee at the door is \$1.

Many 4-H'ers receive awards at achievement night

There was a good turn out for the combination 4-H Achievement Night, Fair Appreciation and the Morrow County Court selection. Everyone seemed to have plenty to eat.

4-H recognized many outstanding 4-H'ers with county medals such as: Nance Wright in Style Revue; Amy Gantenbein, Dairy; Kyle Broderick, Beef; Rick Osmin, Swine; and Dana Flanagan, Horse.

The All-Around Swine Award was won by Bill Ammons.

The All-Around Beef Awards went to: Mike VanSchojack, first; Tracy McClure, second; Bryan Broderick, third; Jason Maben, fourth and Linda Morter, fifth place.

The Riverside Critter Fitters can be proud of the herdsman's plaque they will now be displaying.

Simplot Company of Hermiston

was recognized for their many years of support to Morrow County 4-H.

The following Junior Leaders were recognized: Kathleen Brazell, Debi Driver, Dawnica Flanagan, Joy Hellberg, Judy Jepsen and Brenda Mathis.

Teen Leaders were also recognized, Gibb Evans, Swayne Evans and Amy Hobbs. Teen leaders differ from Junior Leaders in that they are the only leaders of the 4-H club. Junior Leaders are assistants to adult leaders.

Also presented at the achievement night were certificates to the families that hosted IFYE students from Japan. These families were George and Nancy Miller from Lone, Al and Jean Brazell from Lexington, Kenn and Mary Evans from Boardman and Frank and Chloe Pearson from Heppner.

"Ingathering" to be held by Adventists

The Seventh Day Adventist Church will be holding an "Ingathering" to be held evenings and week-ends (weather permitting) start-

ing on November 30. They will be singing Christmas carols and collecting contributions to be helping those less fortunate.

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